



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CYBERSECURITY CAREER AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: With technology and security threats changing every day, the State of Georgia is aware of the dangers of data breaches and private information exposure. Such breaches are a threat to Georgia's citizens, infrastructure, and economic development; and
- WHEREAS: To meet the challenges posed by cybersecurity threats, we must have a tech workforce every bit as robust and skilled as Georgia's other industry talent pools; and
- WHEREAS: Industry experts report that roughly 90 percent of businesses are vulnerable to at least one security breach. In a 2014 report, McKinsey & Company estimated that the cost of cyber attacks on the global economy – of which Georgia is a significant part – will reach \$3 trillion by 2020; and
- WHEREAS: In recent years, Georgia has become accustomed to taking positions of leadership on the issues of our time. We recently reaffirmed our position of leadership in yet another area: cyber defense. Today, Georgia is now the Cyber Capital of the nation, as the Cyber Innovation and Training Center is the nation's largest state investment in a cybersecurity facility; and
- WHEREAS: With Ford Gordon, the Cyber Center of Excellence, the U.S. Army Cyber Command, the NSA's Cryptologic Center, Augusta University, Augusta Technical College, and our other state and local partners, Georgia has invested an unprecedented \$100 million in cyber defense to expand our cybersecurity offerings and solidify Georgia's future in this industry; and
- WHEREAS: Multiple sources indicate a global urgency to develop a cybersecurity workforce and there are now an estimated 300,000 unfilled cybersecurity jobs nationwide. In the next five years, an additional two million cyber defense workers will be needed worldwide, with expected growth in that sector to reach 20 percent during the next decade alone, according to the Bureau of Labor; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's cybersecurity workforce is already estimated to be more than 28,000 strong, including almost 13,000 cybersecurity professionals in the Augusta region alone. Those 28,000 Georgians who work in cybersecurity are also joined by military personnel stationed in Georgia who work in this increasingly important industry; and
- WHEREAS: To best address this pressing issue, it is crucial to increase awareness regarding cybersecurity and the career opportunities available within the cybersecurity sector. By maintaining a foothold in the cybersecurity industry, Georgia's citizens and businesses will be better protected, and Georgians from all walks of life may find meaningful long-term career opportunities; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 12-17, 2018, as CYBERSECURITY CAREER AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

  
CHIEF OF STAFF